
Transportation and Communications Committee
of the
Southern California Association of Governments
August 30, 2007

Minutes

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE. AN AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Transportation and Communications Committee held its meeting at the SCAG office in Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by the Honorable Alan Wapner, Chair. There was a quorum.

Members Present

Aldinger, Jim	Manhattan Beach
Ayala, Luis	SGVCOG
Baldwin, Harry	San Gabriel
Beauman, John	Brea
Becerra, Glen	Simi Valley
Bone, Lou	Tustin
Brown, Art	Buena Park
Burke, Yvonne	Los Angeles County
Carroll, Stan	La Habra Heights
Dale, Lawrence	Barstow
Daniels, Gene	Paramount
Dixon, Richard	Lake Forest
Dunlap, Judy	Inglewood
Flickinger, Bonnie	Moreno Valley
Garcia, Lee Ann	Grand Terrace
Glaab, Paul	City of Laguna Niguel
Green, Cathy	OCCOG
Gross, Carol	Culver City
Gurule, Frank	Cudahy
Hack, Bert	Laguna Woods
Hernandez, Robert	Anaheim
Leon, Paul	SANBAG
Martinez, Sharon	SGVCOG
Messina, Barbara	Alhambra
Millhouse, Keith	Moorpark
Mills, Leroy	Cypress
O'Connor, Pam	Santa Monica
Ovitt, Gary	San Bernardino County
Parks, Bernard	Los Angeles
Roberts, Ron	Temecula

Smith, Greig
Spence, David
Stone, Jeffrey
Sykes, Tom
Ten, Mike – **Vice Chair**
Wapner, Alan - **Chair**
Waronek, Mark

Los Angeles
Arroyo Verdugo COG
Riverside County
Walnut
South Pasadena
Ontario
SBCCOG

Members Not Present

Adams, Steve
Buckley, Thomas
Chlebnik, John
Edgar, Troy
Gabelich, Rae
Lowe, Robin
Lowenthal, Bonnie
Pettis, Gregory
Quirk, Sharon
Rutherford, Mark

Riverside, WRCOG
Lake Elsinore
Orange County
Los Alamitos
Long Beach
Hemet/ RCTC
Long Beach
Cathedral City
Fullerton
Las Virgenes/Malibu COG

New Members

Nuaimi, Mark

SANBAG

Voting Members, Not Elected Official

McCarthy, J.

Caltrans

1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLIGANCE

The Hon. Alan Wapner, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments.

3.0 REVIEW and PRIORITIZE

4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

4.1 Approval Item

4.1.1 Minutes of June 7, 2007 Meeting

4.1.2 Proposed Public Participation Plan Amendment No. 1

4.2 Receive and File

5.2.1 2007 State and Federal Legislation Matrix

It was noted that the minutes of the June 7th meeting reflected that the TCC approved the proposed Public Participation Plan (PPP) Amendment No. 1. What was approved was the release of the Plan for Public Review. Approval of the proposed PPP is on today's agenda.

A MOTION (Hon. Paul Glaab) was made to APPROVE the Consent Calendar. The motion was SECONDED (Hon. Art Brown) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

5.1 2008 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) Guidelines

John Asuncion, SCAG, started his presentation by stating that he was before the TCC to recommend that it release the 2008 RTIP Guidelines for Public Review. He stated that SCAG is required by state law to develop a Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP). The RTIP is a short-range program which implements the long-range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) to accomplish improvements in air quality and mobility throughout the region.

The RTIP is updated every two years and is developed in cooperation with the State, Caltrans, the CTC's/IVAG, and public transit operators to ensure that all current legal administrative and technical requirements are met. The 2008 RTIP Guidelines are a tool used by SCAG and the CTC's/IVAG in updating the 2008 RTIP. The Guidelines assume continuation of all major federal programs currently found in SAFETEA-LU in the 2008 RTIP. The Guidelines may change due to technical changes which SCAG receives from the CTC's/IVAG. If the technical changes are policy related, staff will bring the change back to the TCC for its review.

The Guidelines will be brought back to the committee in October asking the TCC to recommend that the Regional Council approve the final 2008 RTIP Guidelines.

A MOTION (Hon. Gary Ovitt) was made to APPROVE release of the Draft 2008 RTIP Guidelines for public review. The MOTION was SECONDED (Hon. Gene Daniels) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

5.2 Public Participation Plan (PPP) Amendment No.1

Joann Africa, SCAG, stated that Amendment No. 1 adds an Appendix A to the Public Participation Plan (PPP) which includes strategies, procedures, and techniques for the plan on the RTP, RTIP, and OWP. As reflected in the staff report, SCAG did not receive too many comments regarding Appendix No.1 at the time the report was prepared. However, staff did indicate that SCAG would be meeting with the representatives of FHWA regarding any comments they had.

Staff did meet with the FHWA last week to review their comments. Their comments were:

- Include a narrative identifying interested parties who participated in the development of the plan and how the decisions were made by the group.
 - Staff has since included a narrative in the PPP
- It was requested that the comments and responses be displayed in a table or matrix.
 - SCAG is preparing a matrix outlining comments received from the public for both the Plan and Amendment #1, as well as SCAG's responses to the comments. The matrix will be included as Appendix B in the PPP.
- Identify the coordination with statewide public participation by briefly describing how SCAG works with its partners.
 - SCAG will seek clarification from FHWA regarding this comment in order to appropriately address it in the PPP.
- Include a brief write-up of the web-survey as well as how the results will impact development of future RTIP and TIP cycles.
 - SCAG is finalizing a detailed summary of the results of the web-survey which will be included as Appendix C to the PPP. In addition, it will include a narrative on how the survey will impact the development of future RTP and TIP cycles.
- Clarify the categories of amendments and how the public hearing and review process was decided.
 - SCAG has included some new text in the PPP addressing that issue.

Ms. Africa concluded her presentation by recommending that the TCC approve and adopt the Public Participation Plan Amendment No.1.

A MOTION (Hon. Harry Baldwin) was made to APPROVE and ADOPT the Public Participation Plan Amendment No. 1. The MOTION was SECONDED (Hon. Paul Glaab) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

6.0 AVIATION TASK FORCE REPORT

Hon. Alan Wapner, Chair of the ATF, reported that at the last meeting of the task force there was discussion on the following items:

- Regional aviation policies for the upcoming RTP.
- Regional aviation demand forecast for the year 2035
- Air cargo demand modeling
- Airport ground access element for the RTP
- Update on the SCRAA developments; eminent domain ability
- HOV highway study and alternative ways to get to the airport

7.0 MAGLEV TASK FORCE REPORT

Hon. Lou Bone, Tustin, informed the TCC on the following:

- The task force heard several presentations on the different techniques and modes relative to Maglev.
- JPA and IOS are in the fourth round of negotiations regarding the language; language will be reviewed at the next Maglev Task Force meeting on September 13.
- There is a Maglev Task Force field trip schedule on October 12th to General Atomics in San Diego to review the test track.

8.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

8.1 Regional Comprehensive Plan Goals and Outcomes for Transportation & Security Emergency Preparedness Chapters of the Draft Regional Comprehensive Plan

Alan Thompson, SCAG, stated that staff had originally brought the security chapter to the TCC in November of 2006 with the goal of ensuring transportation safety, security, and reliability for all people and goods in the region. Another of the chapter's goals is to prevent, protect, and respond to and recover from major human-caused or natural events in order to minimize the threat and impact to lives, property, the transportation network and the regional economy.

- When staff looked at the goals, it looked at what SCAG could do in its role as an MPO and what are other organizations were doing. Because there is FEMA, the Office of Emergency Services and each County has its own office of emergency management, SCAG did not want to duplicate what these agencies were already practicing nor hinder their funding. Staff looked at what SCAG could do to provide benefit and enhance what these agencies were already doing to make the region more safe and secure.

Staff concluded that the region could do the following:

- Increase per capita funding for transportation system maintenance and preservation.
- Increase per capita funding for Intelligent Transportation Systems that can enhance security but at the same time make congestion more bearable.
- Get 100 percent of government agencies and organizations involved in the planning, mitigation, response and recovery involved in improving emergency preparedness coordination, collaboration and feasibility.

Staff also developed the following action plans for the RCP Security and Emergency Preparedness Chapter:

1. Help ensure the rapid repair of transportation infrastructure in the event of an emergency.
2. Continue to deploy and promote the use of intelligent transportation system technologies that enhance transportation security.

3. Establish transportation infrastructure practices that promote and enhance security.
4. Establish a forum where policy makers can be educated and regional policy can be developed.
5. Help to enhance the region's ability to deter and respond to acts of terrorism, human-made or natural disasters through regionally cooperative and collaborative strategies.
6. Help to enhance the region's ability to deter and respond to terrorist incidents, human-made or natural disasters by strengthening relationships and coordination with transportation.
7. Work to enhance emergency preparedness awareness among public agencies and with the public at-large.
8. Work to improve the effectiveness of regional plans by maximizing the sharing and coordination of resources that would allow for proper response by public agencies.
9. Help to enhance the capabilities of local and regional organizations, including first responder, through provision and sharing of information.
10. Provide the means for collaboration in planning, communication, and information-sharing, before, during, or after a regional emergency.

One of the issues with RCP Transportation Chapter was AB32 which requires a reduction of greenhouse gases to 1990 levels by 2020. Because transportation represents approximately 40% of greenhouse gas generation, staff looked at how it could develop a more efficient transportation system that would reduce and manage vehicle activity.

Several of the outcomes staff is looking at as potentials for discussion are:

- Reduce the region's vehicle miles traveled from all vehicles and from carbon-based fueled vehicles to 1990 levels by 2020.
- Reduce the region's use of gasoline and diesel fuel from on-road vehicles to 1990 levels by 2020.
- Accelerate the penetration of vehicles fueled by fuel cells or other non-petroleum based engine technologies.

The action plan policies that staff looked at were:

1. Ensure that transportation investments are based on SCAG's adopted Regional Performance Indicators.
2. Ensure safety, adequate maintenance, and efficiency of operations on the existing multi-modal transportation system will be RTP priorities and will be balanced against the need for system expansion investment.
3. Develop a collaborative implementation program that identifies required actions and policies for RTP land use and growth strategies that differ from expected trends.
4. Support and encourage High Occupancy Vehicle gap closures that significantly increase transit and rideshare usage.
5. Monitor progress of the RTP, including timely implementation of projects, programs, and strategies.

6. Address SAFETEA-LU requirements that call for improved consultation with environmental and natural resource stakeholders when considering transportation funding plans, programs, and projects.

Staff is currently applying these action plan policies with the goal of reducing greenhouse gases along with all other action plans which can be applied in terms of improving air quality for the region.

9.0 CHAIR REPORT

Hon. Alan Wapner reported that he, along with President Ovitt and Hasan Ikhata, met with representatives of the railroad industry to discuss the RTP process.

10.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No items.

11.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next RTP Workshop will be held on September 20th in Long Beach.

Please note – the location of the September 20th RTP Workshop has been changed to the venue below:

Banning's Landing Community Center in Wilmington
100 East Water Street
Wilmington, CA 90744
(310) 522-2015

THEME: Goods Movement Strategies, Ports

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

The Hon. Alan Wapner adjourned the meeting at 11:26 a.m.

The next committee meeting will be held on **Thursday, October 4, 2007, at the SCAG office in downtown Los Angeles.**



Rich Macias, Manager
Transportation Planning Division

Transportation and Communications Committee Attendance Report

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Adams, Steve	Riverside, WRCOG				X			X												
Aldinger, Jim	Manhattan Beach		X					X		X					X					
Ayala, Luis	Alhambra		X								NM			X	X					
Baldwin, Harry	San Gabriel		X					X	X		X		X	X	X					
Beauman, John*	Brea			X				X	X	X	X		X		X					
Becerra, Glen*	Simi Valley		X								X				X					
Bone, Lou*	Tustin			X				X	X	X	X			X	X					
Brown, Art*	OCTA			X				X							X					
Buckley, Thomas*	Lake Elsinore				X															
Burke, Yvonne*	Los Angeles County		X					X	X		X		X	X	X					
Carroll, Stan	La Habra Heights		X								NM		X	X	X					
Chlebnik, John	WRCOG				X				X	X										
Dale, Lawrence*	Barstow					X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X					
Daniels, Gene*	Paramount		X					X		X	X			X	X					
Dixon, Richard*	Lake Forest			X				X			X			X	X					
Dunlap, Judy*	Inglewood		X						X		X				X					
Edgar, Troy*	Los Alamitos		X								NM		X							
Flickinger, Bonnie*	Moreno Valley				X			X	X	X	X		X		X					
Gabelich, Rac*	Long Beach		X					X	X		X									
Garcia, Lee Ann*	Grand Terrace				X			X	X	X				X	X					
Glaab, Paul*	Laguna Niguel			X									X		X					
Green, Cathy	OCCOG			X										NM	X					
Gross, Carol	Culver City		X								NM			X	X					
Gurule, Frank*	Cudahy		X								X			X	X					
Hack, Bert	Laguna Woods			X							NM				X					
Hernandez, Robert	Anaheim			X				X	X		X		X		X					
Leon, Paul	SANBAG					X									X					
Lowe, Robin*	Hemet/RCTC					X		X	X		X									
Lowenthal, Bonnie	Long Beach		X					X	X											
Martinez, Sharon	Monterey Park		X								NM			X	X					
Masiel, Andrew*	Pechanga Band of Luiseno				X					X										
McLean, Marsha	Mission Indians										NM									
Messina, Barbara*	Santa Clarita		X								NM									
Millhouse, Keith*	Alhambra		X						X	X	X		X	X	X					
Mills, Leroy	Moorpark						X	X			X		X	X	X					
	Cypress			X							NM			X	X					

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Nuaimi, Mark	SANBAG					X									NM				
O'Connor, Pam*	Santa Monica		X						X						X				
Ovitt, Gary*	San Bernardino County					X					NM				X				
Parks, Bernard*	Los Angeles		X					X		X	X				X				
Pettis, Gregory*	Cathedral City				X			X	X	X	X								
Quirk, Sharon	Fullerton		X								NM		X	X					
Roberts, Ron*	Temecula				X			X	X		X			X	X				
Rutherford, Mark*	Westlake Village		X						X					X					
Smith, Greig*	Los Angeles		X					X	X	X					X				
Spence, David	Arroyo Verdugo COG		X					X	X	X	X			X	X				
Stone, Jeffrey*	County of Riverside				X			X	X		X			X	X				
Sykes, Tom*	Walnut		X					X	X	X	X			X					
Ten, Mike - Vice Chair	South Pasadena		X										NM	X	X				
Wapner, Alan* - Chair	Ontario					X				X	X		X	X	X				
Waroneck, Mark	Lomita		X								NM		X		X				
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